

DECLARATION OF INVENTOR(S)  
FOR UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION

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As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I verily believe that I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

DEVICE FOR CORRECTING SPINAL DEFORMITIES

the specification of which is attached hereto, unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on August 25, 2003 as United States patent Application Number 10/648,158

I have read and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to me to be material to the patentability of the invention in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

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Prior Foreign or U.S. Provisional Application(s)

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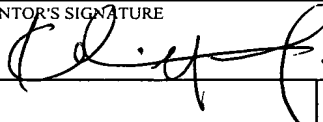

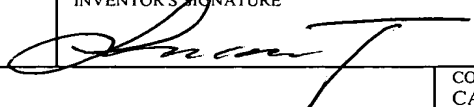
I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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	Filing Date/Issue Date	August 25, 2003
	First Named Inventor	Cheung et al.
	Title	DEVICE FOR CORRECTING SPINAL DEFORMITIES
	Group Art Unit	3732
	Examiner's Name	To be assigned
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The below-indicated assignee of record of the entire right, title and interest in the subject patent or application for patent, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.71, hereby appoints Practitioners at Customer Number **32172** as attorneys or agents to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected with said patent or application to the exclusion of the inventor(s) or any assign(s), attorney(s) or agent(s) previously so entitled. A *Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)* is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)**

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